

# INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

## COMMITTEE MEETING

June 7, 2005

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Indianapolis Post # 52, with the following members in attendance:

Major Dan Meek	Deborah Cook
Major Anthony Sommer	Mike Dearing
Captain Ray Benn	Don Kottowski
Chief Timothy Viles	Michael Paxton
Linda Adams	Diane Sweeney

Advisory members present:	Sergeant John Clawson
	Sergeant John Richards
	Carrie Hampton

### OPENING COMMENTS

Chairman Meek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

The Chairman made some general comments regarding the upgrade from the original version of Omnixx to Version 2.4 in April. There were a few problems, but we basically got everything working.

Michael Paxton made a few comments about a few outstanding problems that have been submitted to Datamaxx. They have one of their chief engineers working on it and are hoping to resolve several quickly; there are a few that may take a little longer that are more random type problems.

Chairman Meek touched on the issue of the certifications in the Trainer, because the automated Trainer was out. The Chairman asked for an update on the problem.

Mike Dearing stated there was an issue, in that there was trouble getting a lesson plan with questions for certification in there. It could not be downloaded, it all had to be typed in, by hand. Certification was extended back in April to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Yesterday, there was a meeting in the IDACS Section, we are going to try to put the questions applicable to both lesson plans, and this is for the operators. Your score will be based on 80 instead of 100, so the weight of the questions will be more than what they currently were. We are going to test it this Friday, or earlier, if we can. If we are satisfied with what the test reveals to us, we will implement this probably on Monday. You will notice that the Trainer will be back *on* when you log in. Most of your operators know when their certification expires. You may want to remind them to check it when

they log in. We have several operators that will be expired July 1<sup>st</sup>. If it doesn't work, we will need to go back to a paper test. In this case, we will need to set up test-out sites and do the test-out. Due to the number of people that need to be certified by July 1<sup>st</sup>, all grading will be done back in the office. If this happens, it will only be temporary step until we can get everything in "Trainer" that should be there. At that point in time, you will get an evaluation also that is to provide the operator with a list of categories and in each one, tell you if you received a 90%, 100% or failed that particular category; that is an area operators will need to look at.

## **CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2005 MEETING**

Chief Timothy Viles made a motion, seconded by Michael Paxton, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **IDACS 2000 Upgrade**

Michael Paxton asked that anyone having current problems with the new system be sure to report them to the Data Operations Center. This will be a good reference if any old problems are coming back or have any new ones, if we don't hear about them, we will assume they were fixed and we will close out the problems.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **IDACS Committee Chairman Report**

#### **New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendations from the System Security Officers and the System Coordinator, the following additional terminals and new terminal agencies have been approved. (Refer to the handouts listings due to the number involved).

#### **Terminal Operators Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved eighteen (18) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

#### **Secondary Dissemination of System Information**

Mike Dearing reported the FBI needs for a log to be kept on who is given this information. When you give the information to an officer, remind the officer if they give it to someone else, the officer will be responsible for who they give the information to. It will be a communications issue. Also, emailing system information is not recommended because that would be a public record and somebody could go through the court, get a court order and see all of your emails. By emailing, you will be jeopardizing the security of the system information.

Major Sommer, (Legal Advisor), basically reiterated what Mr. Dearinger had just stated regarding emailing system information and it not being secure. When you put confidential information on paper; that is the medium. The difference is that on paper the security can be maintained better; it can be locked up in file cabinets, and put under controls, as to where it goes.

### **IDACS Coordinator Report**

Mr. Dearinger had already reported everything earlier in the meeting.

### **IDACS Security Officer's Reports**

**Sgt. John Clawson** reported RDC Fayette County was issued a Notice of Violation on a vehicle being recovered, but not removed from the system.

NCIC has completed their audits and we are waiting on their finalized report.

**Sgt. John Richards** reported one (1) agency with a violation, Logansport Police Department, for dissemination of Triple I information.

### **AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

**Area I**           Jamalyn Bogan – Was not present.

**Area II**           Cindy Snyder –Was not present.

**Area III**          Linda Adams – The only items brought to her attention were:

Secondary Dissemination, which has already been discussed. Some agencies were under the impression that we could not fax or distribute other than just by paper and physically handing it to the other person, who is going to be receiving it. She understands from the conversation earlier, that faxing is acceptable. Sgt. Clawson added that we tell you what the parameters are. Individual agencies can tighten down more, if they choose to. Some agencies make you sign an affidavit, because they have had misuse before. However, he doesn't recommend someone driving fifty (50) miles to sign one.

Several complaints on using 10 minute Hit confirmations. Ms. Dignin, (IDACS Trainer), recommends faxing them to the Trainers.

**Area IV**          Deborah Cook – Meeting was held at ISP Versailles on April 4<sup>th</sup>, there were seventeen (17) in attendance.

A short presentation from IDACS regarding the April 9<sup>th</sup> upgrade was followed by questions and answers from the audience.

Security Officer, Sgt. John Clawson, discussed criminal history issues. Discussion was held on some Triple I returns using the pattern class instead of the customary fingerprint classification. The pattern class does not seem to match the entry criteria.

We also discussed leaving wanted persons in the system after the warrant has been served and how choosing the correct extradition information may eventually solve that problem.

The audience was reminded to use the Bulletin Board file and check it every day and the new schedule for the IDACS classes that had been posted on the web page and they were all invited to attend this meeting.

Area V Diane Sweeney – Ms. Sweeney had been newly elected, so the only issue she was aware of, was the testing, and it has already been addressed.

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Sgt. Clawson suggested that it is within the power of this body of the IDACS Committee to create a policy that says you **do not** email system information; that may make it clearer.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

Dave Mollenkopf asked Major Sommer if the fact the person or agency knows what we just discussed about email, etc. and something should go awry, is that evidence against that agency automatically because they knew it. Major Sommer replied it is just like the fax transmission scenario in the since that it is something that has been addressed, good practice guides have been given, in terms of just verbally and if they then don't follow those good practice points and send it to a non-secure machine someplace and it falls into the wrong hands, then it goes back on the sending agency. It would be the same with an email transmission.

Major Sommer reported in the job folder for CPI currently is a project to put the Firearms Licensing File on IDACS. He wanted to make people aware of it, it will be a direct query file once it is up and on-line, it's just a matter of when CPI gets the programming done to put it there, where you could inquire based on firearms license number or the license holder's name. There will also be a linked query file when you run a 10-27, if the person does have license to carry a handgun in the state of Indiana, the license information will come up and show the status of the license. Major Sommer thinks it is good and has not been done before in the state of Indiana. It's officer safety, as well as enforcement related, in the sense that if someone has been suspended and they still have their license in their possession, they are required to surrender it to law enforcement, if they don't, they are subject to arrest for refusing to surrender a license.

Mike Dearing asked if this would be nation-wide, as far as the inquiry, or Indiana only. Major Sommer replied that it is an Indiana file system on Indiana IDACS. Other states have it, but it is a state by state.

### AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Deborah Cook said on May 11<sup>th</sup> there were several thunderstorms in our area and within three (3) minutes, we received sixteen (16) incoming weather messages that were all the same from Norman, OK. Some of the distribution codes were somewhat different. Ms. Cook had made copies of them.

Michael Paxton asked Ms. Cook to give the copies to him, but he is not sure that it will be fixable. The reason being this is due to a change in the way the National Weather Service has chosen to distribute these "*watches*" and "*warnings*" from Norman, OK. We basically just pass them through and distribute them based on the Distribution Codes they include. This is done at the national level, but we will look into it and see what we can do.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2005, (10:00 a.m.) at the Indiana State Police Post (D #52), 8500 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN.